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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

FOR SECRETARY FROM ACTING SECRETARY

1. IN MY JUDGEMENT, FOUR PENDING ISSUES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH THE YUGOSLAVS ARE LIKELY TO RAISE NEED CLARIFICATION BEFORE MY PLANNED VISIT TO BELGRADE MAY 31-JUNE 3. THESE ISSUES AND THE COURSES OF ACTION I PROPOSE TO TAKE, SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, ARE SPELLED OUT BELOW. THREE OF THE ISSUES RELATE TO THE RESUMPTION OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. AS YOU WILL RECALL, YOU AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE RESUMPTION OF SUCH CONTACTS IN YOUR APRIL 15 MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC IN NEW YORK.

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2. SCHLESINGER VISIT: IN AUGUST 1973 SECRETARY

SCHLESINGER ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE AN INVITATION TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA. (HE WOULD BE THE FIRST SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO DO SO.) HIS VISIT WAS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES AFFECTED BY OUR DECISION LAST OCTOBER TO SUSPEND ACTIONS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA. ACTION PROPOSED: CONSULT WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE WOULD AGREE THAT I MIGHT INDICATE TO THE YUGOSLAVS, WITHOUT SUGGESTING ANY TIME FRAME, HIS HOPE THAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO VISIT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

3. MILITARY SALES: AMONG THE ACTIONS AFFECTED BY LAST FALL'S DECISION TO SUSPEND NEW INITIATIVES FOR MILITARY COOPERATION WAS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR MODIFIED POLICY ON MILITARY SALES TO YUGOSLAVIA. THIS POLICY WOULD PERMIT THE SALE, ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, OF SELECTED CLASSIFIED MILITARY ITEMS OF A DEFENSIVE NATURE. ACTION PROPOSED: SEEK DOD AGREEMENT THAT I BE AUTHORIZED, IF ASKED, TO INFORM THE YUGOSLAVS WE ARE PREPARED TO REOPEN THE DISCUSSION OF THE SALE OF CLASSIFIED MILITARY ITEMS. I WOULD, OF COURSE, MAKE NO COMMITMENTS CONCERNING SALE OF ANY PARTICULAR ITEM

4. BIJEDIC VISIT: IN 1972 PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC WAS INVITED TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S. AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SCHEDULE A BIJEDIC VISIT IN 1973, AND HIS NAME IS NOT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S LIST OF PROPOSED STATE AND OFFICIAL VISITS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1974. ACTION PROPOSED: (ONLY IF ASKED BY YUGOSLAVS) INDICATE TO THE YUGOSLAVS, AFTER OBTAINING WHITE HOUSE CONCURRENCE, THAT WE ARE UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE A VISIT THIS YEAR BUT WE WILL EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES OF A SUITABLE DATE IN 1975.

5. DENT VISIT: HAD THE CONTRACT FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S FIRST NUCLEAR PLANT AT KRSKO (WHICH IS TO BE BUILT BY WESTINGHOUSE) BEEN READY FOR SIGNATURE, SECRETARY DENT WOULD HAVE PROPOSED ADDING A VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA TO HIS TRIP

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TO THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE IN APRIL. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE KRSKO CONTRACT WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE SOMETIME IN JUNE, AND THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN A DENT VISIT. ACTION PROPOSED: CONSULT WITH SECRETARY DENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE REMAINS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE SIGNING OF THE KRSKO CONTRACT AND WHETHER IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR HIM TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA EARLY THIS SUMMER.

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